MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Yes; a little inconvenience was caused. But immediate steps were taken to thatch the building.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: May I know who was responsible for the delay in thatching those buildings?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Of course the Assistant Inspector was responsible but the contractor made it impossible for the Assistant Inspector to perform his duty in time.

Selling of Anchal covers.

330. ❋ MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they allow Anchal covers to be sold for gain by private shopkeepers?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: May I know whether it would not be helpful to the public who live far away from Anchal Offices if you allow private shop-keepers to sell Anchal cards, covers and stamps?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: It was with the object of preventing profiteering by the merchants that a notification was published prohibiting the merchants from selling Anchal covers, cards or stamps. The notification is still in force. But since the situation has now eased, the point raised by the honourable member will be considered.

N. D. Anchal Office at Elavanthitta.

331. ❋ MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a N. D. Anchal Office was sanctioned at Elavanthitta in Tiruvalla taluk; and

(*b*) the reason for the delay?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: (*a*) No.

(*b*) The delay is due to want of funds this year in the budget of the Anchal Department.

Travelling allowance in the Anchal Department.

332. ❋ MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any travelling allowance was given in 1121 to Anchal Masters, clerks and Anchalmen in the Anchal Department when they were transferred;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the negative, why they were not given; and

(*c*) how the amount budgetted as travelling allowance for the Anchal Department was spent?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) This question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) It was spent only for travelling allowance.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know the amount spent for travelling allowance for Anchalmasters, clerks, Anchal men and other subordinates of the department?

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